

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Friends of Marcellin,

Following the tragic events in New York of Tuesday, 11th September our Year 12 class of 2001 graduated at a time when the world seemed to be a less safe place than it was before that fateful day. Today there remains much uncertainty with respect to 'stability' in the Middle East and in several other areas of the world. What of the financial stability of the world economies following the Global Financial Crisis and, of the more recently publicised, economic stress being encountered by Greece? In many ways the Year 12 class of 2010 is not different from other classes that have graduated from Marcellin College. The class of 1939 would have had no idea that in six months Nazi Germany would have defeated most of continental Europe; the class of 1941 would have had no idea that in six months mainland Australia would be threatened by invasion from Japan; presently we have no idea where the events now being played out on the world stage will lead us. In many ways we are powerless to alter the course of global history.

In some senses, that is not our challenge, and, in this respect we have Christ as our exemplar. He could have chosen to take His message directly to the centre of power in His day - Rome, but He chose to remain in His own homeland and sought to make a difference there. The tiny ripple He set in place in that small backwater of the Empire eventually became a tidal wave which shook the very foundation of the Roman Empire and changed the course of history. Great goodness grew from humble and obscure beginnings.

Rather than change the course of global history, our challenge is to believe that we, as individuals in our own small corner of the world, can make a difference. As Paul Shane Spear remarked, "As one person I cannot change the world, but I can change the world of one person." Our individual acts of kindness can have an effect on global kindness. Our individual goodness can affect global goodness. Our individual belief in and commitment to the dignity of every human being can affect global acceptance and harmony, but we do not have the luxury of time for now is the moment.

In the coming weeks Br David will announce the final total from this year's Lenten collection, where all members of the Marcellin College community were challenged "give your brother a seat at the table". The question was asked, "How can we become a true advocate for another in need?" Set against this theme was an image of a table made by St Marcellin Champagnat (shown below) that he shared with his Brothers. In typically Marcellin manner, the boys and staff have been exceedingly generous giving of their time, energy and money and I am confident that those organisations that we intend to support (Caritas, Marist Solidarity and the St Vincent de Paul Society) will benefit greatly from these efforts.

Etienne de Grellet, the French missionary, educational reformist and philosopher, once said:

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now... for I shall not pass this way again."

The gift of life is one that is given to us for a comparatively short span of time. We are encouraged and challenged to be men and women of goodness, of kindness, men and women who do not miss the opportunities given them. With Mary, our Mother, as our guide we are empowered to be people of faith and action.

Warm regards,

Anthony Boys

Mr Anthony Boys
Religious Education Coordinator



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements. Well done!



Benjamin Thornton
Year 9

Outstanding performances in a recent carnival winning 6 medals from 6 events including 2 Gold medals in the 400m Freestyle & All Age Relay, 1 Silver medal in the 200m Freestyle and 3 Bronze medals in the 50m, 100m & 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay



Thomas Unicomb Laird
Year 8

Vice Captain of the Bondi SBLSC, came 1st in the U14 Age championship



Matthew Malone
Year 12

Completed the Silver award in the Duke of Edinburgh Program



Anthony McIver
Year 12

Completed the Silver award in the Duke of Edinburgh Program



Rory Weste Haldane
Year 8

Club Captain, was awarded 'Nipper of the Year' by the Bondi SBLSC at the annual Nippers Presentation day and came 2nd in the U14 championship

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Year 12 student Christian Stirling, who achieved a 94% score on the General Flying Progress Test (GFPT) and has upgraded his pilot licence to fly a Beechcraft BE23 4 seater plane (pictured right).



DEBATING

In the first round Marcellin competed against Marist College North Shore. Marcellin won the Year 8,9,10,11 and 12 divisions. In Round 2 Marcellin were against Loretto Kirribilli. Year 7, 9, 11 and 12 all won their debates. In Round 3 against Lewisham Years 7,8,9,10,11 and 12 all won their rounds. Congratulations to the students and coaches on these excellent results.

Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator



Year 7 Debating - Thomas Waller, Declan White, Joshua Parker, Joshua Dever



Year 8 Debating - Luke Burke, Miguel Vila, Dean Moutopoulos, Timothy Nichols



Year 9 Debating - Jake Richards, Luke Dooner, Thomas Pantle



Year 10 Debating - Rory O'Grady, Matthew Buxton, Jack (John) De Lacy



Year 11 Debating - Cameron Black, Nicholas Saady, Thomas Langford-Clarke



Year 12 Debating - Mitchell Judge, Jack Slattery, Matthew Edwards

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

- Tuesday 11th May** • NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9. Concludes Thursday 13th May.
- Wednesday 19th May** • Parent and Son Mass. Year 8 to attend. Commences 7.30pm.
- Thursday 20th May** • Years 10 and 11 Exams commence. Conclude Friday 28th May.
- Tuesday 1st June** • School Photo Day. Boys are to be in full College uniform. Parents who wish to purchase photos are to use the envelope that will be provided to your son.
- Friday 4th June** • Headmaster's Assembly. Champagnat and Summer Sports Awards.

BR DAVID COMMISSIONING ASSEMBLY

A special Headmaster Commissioning Assembly was held for Br David on Friday 30th April. Br Jeffrey Crowe, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, and Mr John Couani, Eastern Region Director Catholic Education Office both annointed Br David, giving him a special blessing as he commences his leadership of the College. Other special guests at the assembly included Marist Brothers from the Randwick community, Mr Peter McNamara Executive Director of the Marist Ministries Office, Mrs Vicki Lavorato Secondary Consultant for the Eastern Region, Mr David McInnes Principal Marist Pagewood, and Mrs Vicki Bourne-Fallon Principal of Holy Cross Woollahra. Mrs Bourne-Fallon is the granddaughter of Dr Cyril Fallon the patron of Fallon House.



Mr John Couani
annointing Br David



Br David with Br Jeffrey Crowe,
Mrs Vicki Lavorato and Mr David McInnes



Br Jeffrey Crowe
annointing Br David

PARENTS IN TOUCH - A CONVERSATION WITH THE HEADMASTER

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents in Touch meeting last Wednesday evening for 'A Conversation with the Headmaster'. It was great to see so much interest and the College appreciates the feedback given to Br David on the evening. This feedback will assist the College in the formation of a strategic improvement plan for the years ahead.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Executive Assistant

NAPLAN TESTS

This week the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will run for Years 7 and 9 from Tuesday 11th May to Thursday 13th May in periods 1 and 2. All Years 7 and 9 students are to go to the Marist Centre at the start of Homeroom on Tuesday and Thursday so that the test can begin at 9.00am sharp. This is an important diagnostic test for the school. Students can't prepare but should do their best on the day. I am confident the students will perform well in the test and I wish them well on the day.

Mr Bob Anderson, Curriculum Coordinator

YEAR 9 ESSA RESULTS

The current Year 9 students participated in the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) last year. This is a state-wide science test for all Year 8 students. As a group, the students at Marcellin College did very well and scored above state average in all areas of the assessment. Congratulations on a fantastic effort!

| Overall Science | Extended Response tasks | | Short Response Tasks | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Knowing and Understanding | Communicating Scientifically | Working Scientifically |
| MEAN State | 85 | 84.6 | 85.6 | 85.5 | 84.5 |
| MEAN School | 88.1 | 88.6 | 88.3 | 90.1 | 87.7 |
| Difference | +3.1 | +4.0 | +2.7 | +4.6 | +3.2 |

Students have received their results. If you would like to discuss your son's results please contact the school.

Ms Rachel Thompson, Science Coordinator

SPORT

The winter season is in full swing with Round 3 against North Shore completed last week. The rugby league boys have had some big wins so far and the soccer boys are starting to hit their straps too after 4 good wins and a draw last week. This Thursday we play the Round 5 matches against Pagewood. Round 4 and Round 5 have been swapped due to the upcoming representative weekend for rugby league. Best of luck to the soccer representatives who compete in the NSWCCC competition on the 17th and 18th May and the rugby league boys who compete on the 22nd and 23rd May. Two weeks ago, twenty boys of the Marcellin swimming team competed at the NSWCCC carnival at Homebush. Twelve of those boys were placed first, second or third in their events, going on to compete at the NSW All Schools last week. Congratulations again to all our swimmers on their excellent achievements this season.

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 1 RESULTS

| | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Soccer | Team | A Grade | B Grade | Under 15 | Under 14 | Under 13 |
| | Opposition | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah |
| | Result | L: 0-2 | L: 1-3 | L: 0-5 | W: 4-2 | L: 1-6 |
| | Player of Match | Daniel Mifsud | Mathew Profilio | Maxwell Wilson | Jarrold Kenny | Michael Polieri |

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| Rugby League | Team | A Grade | B Grade | Under 15 | Under 14 | Under 13 D1 | Under 13 D2A | Under 13 D2B |
| | Opposition | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah | Kogarah | |
| | Result | W: 22-10 | W: 12-10 | W: 36-6 | W: 14-8 | W: 18-6 | W: 50-0 | BYE |
| | Player of Match | Jackson Garlick | Raphael Masache | Cheyne Whitelaw | Zane Tukukino | Nat Butcher | Brandon Austin | |



Jayden Brown



U13 Division 1 Rugby League



Jonathan Henderson

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 2 RESULTS

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|--------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Soccer | Team | A Grade | B Grade | Under 15 | Under 14 | Under 13 |
| | Opposition | Wahroonga | Wahroonga | Wahroonga | Wahroonga | Wahroonga |
| | Result | W: 2-1 | L: 1-2 | L: 1-4 | W: 11-1 | W: 3-0 |
| | Player of Match | Duncan Rogers | Johnathon Ford | Keiran Sultana | Adrian Lara | Ewaldo Setiobudi |

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| Rugby League | Team | A Grade | B Grade | Under 15 | Under 14 | Under 13 D1 | Under 13 D2A | Under 13 D2B |
| | Opposition | Wahroonga | | Wahroonga | | Wahroonga | | Wahroonga |
| | Result | W: 50-4 | BYE | W: 50-0 | BYE | W: 52-0 | BYE | L: 10-42 |
| | Player of Match | Andrew Norton | | Luke Dooner | | Kurtis Preece | | Anthony Romeo |

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

Uniform Shop: Opening hours Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm. Open Saturday 22nd May 8.30am-10.30am & Wednesday 23rd June (Year 10/11 Parent/teacher evening) 4.30pm - 7pm.

Effective Parenting Course: WAYS Youth Services will be conducting this free course over five 2 hour weekly sessions on Monday nights starting on 24th May. Areas to be covered include adolescent development, at risk behaviour, setting limits and boundaries, mental health issues and resilience, and effective communication and conflict resolution. For more information phone Terri or Mariel on 9365 2500.